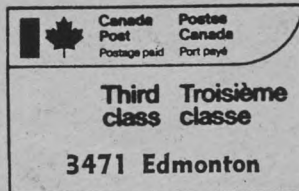
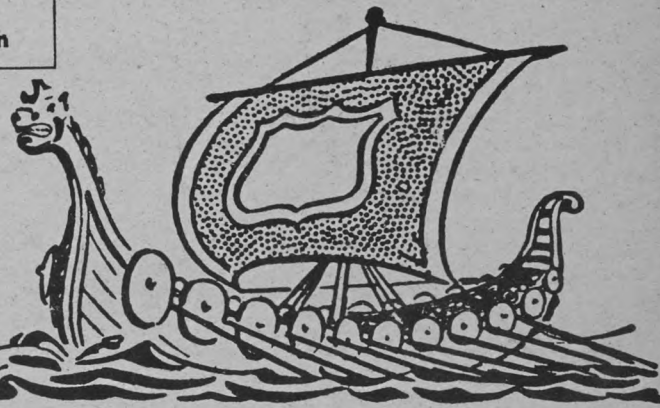


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## "DANIA" 50TH ANNIVERSARY

### 20th Anniversary of THE SCANDINAVIAN HOUR

BY LESLIE L. MORRIS

There are a lot of things that an editor runs across in the period of a month—some are interesting and some are revelations.

One of the most interesting things this past month was an afternoon conversation with Erik Petersen when he told me about the 20th Anniversary of THE SCANDINAVIAN HOUR—the hour-long radio program put on by the Scandinavians every second Sunday over Radio Station CKUA Edmonton at 4:20 p.m.

Now, doing something for twenty years is quite a feat in itself, yet to keep THE SCANDINAVIAN HOUR going has had its problems, as Erik reveals.

First of all the program is done strictly voluntarily, which



ERIK PETERSEN

entails organization, getting a person from the particular Scandinavian group who can speak over the radio both in English and their respective language, and keep it going in a continuous, intelligent, cohesive and interesting manner to be acceptable to their audience.

After twenty years the program hasn't changed that much, except for the personnel who participate in it. (Even I was on the program when Otto Von Rosen was conducting the Swedish portion of the program.) It's a good one hour of listening for all Scandinavians with (as Erik Petersen says he coined the phrase) News, Views and Music.

The origination of the show is an interesting one, indeed, and goes back to May of 1952. Erik had come out to Canada from Denmark, where he was born in Randers, and stopped off for a while in Montreal. Feeling the urge to pioneer he responded to the slogan then going around "Go west, young man, go west!" So Erik came west and landed in Edmonton in May 1952.

On May 17 of that year, just as Erik was settling down and trying to get used to the cold, snowy weather of the northern prairies, the Norwegians in the area gathered together to celebrate their Independence Day. Upon that occasion, Ojvind Madson, along with his family, enjoined Erik to help them put on a radio program over CKUA upon this special occasion. Erik was delighted and the program was such a success that the station manager at that time approached them to ask if they

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### Leif Eiriksson Day Oct. 9th

Attention: Managing Editor  
Mr. Leslie Morris

Dear Sirs:

Please find herewith a press release relating to the proclamation of October 9th as Leif Eiriksson Day in the City of Calgary. We hope that you will find this of interest to your readers and be able to publish it in the next issue of your newspaper. We also hope that you will add an invitation to any of your readers who might be interested in attending this event.

Yours very truly,  
J. C. Bjornson  
Barrister and Solicitor  
2228 Uxbridge Drive  
Calgary, Alta.

### Calgary to Observe Leif Eiriksson Day

By John C. Bjornson

October 9th, 1972 will be a day of very special interest to persons of Scandinavian extraction living in and around the city of Calgary. That day is to be officially proclaimed by the city as Leif Eiriksson Day. Official observance of the proclamation will take place Monday morning, October 9th at 10:00 a.m., at City Hall where there will be a flag-raising ceremony at which the flags of all the five Nordic countries will be raised.

On the evening of the same day a gala banquet and dance will be held at the Danish Canadian Club. The guest speaker for the occasion will be Mr. Haraldur Bessason, head of the Department of Icelandic studies at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg.

A scroll will be presented annually honoring an outstanding Albertan of Scandinavian extraction. For the year 1972 the person chosen to be so honored is Dr. Chester Ronning of Camrose, Alberta, former Canadian Ambassador to China and one of Canada's foremost authorities on the Orient.

Other guests will include representatives of the city, the province, Her Majesty the Queen and consuls of the five Nordic countries.

The observance of Leif Eiriksson Day in the city of Calgary is the result of the efforts begun by a small group of interested citizens called together by Mr. Kai Lyng, editor of the *Lur*, the official publication of the Scandinavian Historical Society, which has its headquarters in Calgary. The purpose for the observance is to give recognition to the historic fact, long known as a fact to Scandinavians and historians, that Leif Eiriksson was the first European known to have ventured to North America. Very recent archeological discoveries of indisputably Viking artifacts at L'ause Meadows in Newfoundland and documentary discoveries such as the Vinland map which predates Columbus' voyage to Central America have recently helped to confirm the accounts in the Icelandic sagas of Leif's discovery of North America. In addition, the civic proclamation will also pay tribute to the citizens of Calgary who, or whose forebearers, left their northern homelands many centuries later to make their homes in Western Canada.

It is hoped that this observance will become an annual occasion and will serve as a means by which residents of the city of Calgary of Scandinavian origin may come into closer contact with one another.

Tickets for the banquet and dance may be purchased from the members of the Leif Eiriksson committee or through the Club Finlandia, The Leif Eiriksson Club (Icelandic), The Vasa Lodge (Swedish), The Sons Of Norway or the Danish Canadian Club in Calgary.

Interested parties may obtain further information by calling the Calgary office of the Scandinavian Historical Society, 264-6488 or writing c/o Box No. 2054, Calgary.

### YOU CAN HELP

Volunteers are needed to help the U.C.F. with their "Blitz Night" on Oct. 16 re. their fall campaign in all residential areas of the city, St. Albert, and in Sherwood Park. An orientation will be provided and an explanation of kits given.

VOLUNTEER ACTION CENTRE  
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By Vera and Tom Nielsen

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1972, the Danish Society "DANIA" will celebrate its 50th Anniversary. Some people will tell us we are celebrating too early, and some tell us we are too late. Both can be right, for the sake of an argument. The facts are that "DANIA" was started at a meeting held the last part of November 1921; the first Social being Christmas 1921. This information was obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Chris Skov, 10985 - 126 St., Edmonton. As far as we know, Mr. and Mrs. Skov are the only people now living in Edmonton who were present at those gatherings.

We have records and minutes from meetings through the thirties and the forties—the last recorded transaction is Nov. 30, 1949:

Donation to Danish Relief Fund—\$50.00

Donation to Old Folks Home, Calgary—\$100.00

On the following page is recorded on Nov. 3, 1953: Cheque Book received from the old DANIA—\$41.84. For a period of time during the War, activities dormant, although a group of people from DANIA took an active part in War Relief Work, such as knitting and sending parcels, etc., to Danish Seamen, there was not much to be jubilant about in those days.

By the end of the War, 1945, most of the old time Danes were busy recuperating from the effects of the hungry thirties and the War, none the less, DANIA was represented with our Flag, among scores of ethnic groups, at a gigantic Parade at the end of the War.

In 1953 a group of young immigrants decided to put new life into DANIA. Since then DANIA has taken part in many ethnic activities in our community, has sponsored Danish Gymnastic Teams performed in Edmonton, sponsored Danish Gym. Club, Danish Soccer Club, and last, but not least, helped in creating our Scandinavian Centre.

In 1969, DANIA was incorporated under the Province of Alberta Society Act. Today DANIA is on a solid footing and is well prepared to take its place among other ethnic groups, with today's ever increasing interest in ethnic activities.

Our Fane (Flag) bears the inscription: DANIA 1922. This should justify celebrating our 50 anniversary.



Mr. Arne J. Johannessen,  
Norwegian Consul in Edmonton.

### AGRICULTURE WEEK

On June 2, the Honorable Dr. Hugh Horner announced a special week designed to draw attention to the agricultural industry and the contribution that this industry makes to the overall economy of the province. This week—called "Agriculture Week"—runs from Oct. 3 to 9. It is significant that "Agriculture Week" ends on Thanksgiving Day.

There will be no parades, bands or major ceremonies to "Agriculture Week". Rather it will be a low key program with newspaper advertisements and special radio spot announcements during the week to focus attention upon the wide range of quality Alberta products available to the consumers of our province.



# SPLINTERS from the BOARD

BY SOREN SORENSON

## ANNOUNCEMENT

A smorgasbord dinner will take place at the Scandinavian Centre, November 12th.

It will be a repeat of the Mother's Day dinner that we had this year, which was a big success. The food was superb, and the atmosphere delightful.

A rumor has been circulating that we, on the Board, have decided to expand the Centre. It's false. We have gone into it in detail, and have had special meetings about it, but nothing has been decided. We hope you all will appreciate that caution has been applied when you are talking about an expansion that would cost between \$100,000.00 and \$200,000.00. So forgive us for not jumping into the water head first, but walking carefully.

## RADIO REPORT

The Scandinavian Centre Show is on CFCW Radio station every Saturday morning at 10:30—790 kc on your A.M. dial. The Scandinavian Centre Report is broadcast on this program at approximately 11:25 a.m.

Ellsworth Halberg will give the report for the month of October. If you have any news, please call E. Halberg 466-9344.

## DONATIONS

We have to appeal for money for the Scandinavian Centre Newspaper. If everybody that receives the paper would donate \$1.00, it would pay for itself.

Please if you receive a paper give it some thought. (HELP!)

# THE EDITOR SAITH

BY LESLIE L. MORRIS

There has been a good response to the appeal of the Director of THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE NEWS, Ole Knudsen, for donations in support of the paper. In listing these donations, I have put the amount donated, not to differentiate between the amounts given (everything is welcome), but more to give credit to those who give a very generous amount. It seems to me that to lump all into just donations doesn't seem fair to those who do give generously, and it might encourage others to give more than they would normally. These people really do enjoy the paper, as many letters and notes attached to these donations indicate. I only wish everyone who receives the paper would respond with at least the \$1.00 levy which was introduced a couple of years ago by the former director, Gunnar Thorvaldson.

In as much as it costs the paper around 30¢ to make a change of address, it would be

appropriate if those sending in a change of address and who have not donated in that year, to send their \$1.00 levy or donation of more at that time. It would be appreciated, as we do have many changes each month.

And talking about address changes, let me remind those who do send in a change to also give their former address because there are many names the same and to change the right one we need the former address. Those change of address cards which can be gotten at the Post Office are ideal and need no postage. Another thing which must be remembered is that if you are not a member of The Scandinavian Centre itself then you must send your change of address to the respective society to which you belong.

Thanks again for your donation and we urge those receiving the paper to respond in like kind.



The famous Vigeland Monolith in Oslo's Frogner Park is 56 ft. high and includes 121 sculptural humans. It consists of a single slab of rock and the journey from Idde fjord to Oslo lasted 7 months. Three men worked 13 years—from 1929 to 1942—on the sculptures. (Photo from Norwegian National Travel Office.)

# Letters to the Editor

The Scandinavian Centre News,  
Dear Sir,

Sunday afternoon, Sept. 17th my husband, Sigvard, and I had great pleasure in hearing "The Saga Singers" of Edmonton, at The Good Samaritan Lodge, Stony Plain. Such beautiful voices harmonizing.

One tune I knew, I should say hymn tune, I learned at Sunday School in England—"Do no sinful action, speak no angry word, we belong to Jesus, children of the Lord". I was just 9 years of age, you can imagine my pleasure hearing it, as now I am 71. Also the lovely lunch and coffee which was enjoyed by all.

Will you please give our gracious thanks for a wonderful afternoon.

Sincerely,

Sigvard and Ethel Boje  
(Pronounced Boyer in Denmark.)

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Dear Sir—

Thank you for an enjoyable paper. I have enjoyed reading it for a few years now. But as my sister has moved out here, I can read her copy. Would you kindly discontinue sending it to me.

I am enclosing two dollars and wish you every success in keeping up the good work.

(Mrs.) June Doyle  
2220 East 6 Ave.  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Enclosed please find a donation to the Scandinavian paper which I enjoy so much each month. You are all doing a good job and would miss it very much if we did not receive it. Thanks so much.

Sister C. Bradford  
12312 - 128 St.  
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Mr. Morris:

I enjoy reading the Scandinavian News very much. Enclose cheque, my donation to the paper.

Sincerely,  
Nelly (Mrs. E. A.) Dettrich  
13882 Ravine Dr.  
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed is a small donation for the paper. We look forward to receiving it and finding out about the news "a la Scandinavia". Incidentally a few comments on the dialogue between Olaf Sveen and Dr. Bourassa re: early settlers.

They may already have the information that follows, but if not...

There is a Norwegian Settlement north of Wetaskiwin in the district of Vang—school, church, community.

This was a settlement of Norwegians from Vang i Valdres—hence the name.

J. R. Jevne came in the fall of 1895, and his family arrived in 1896. Soon other Jevnes' arrived and took up farms. Other Valdres families arrived from Norway direct, or from the northern States. These included the families of Kjos, Weflan, Kjørleim, Rogne, Kvien and Moen. Norwegians of other parts of Norway settled in the district—families of Lee, Hougstad, Didrickson, Dahl, Toleffson, Nelson, Heggerud and Gullikson.

These names do not include all the Scandinavian families, but it will give you an idea that there was considerable Norwegian element there. The Vang Lutheran Church was organized before the turn of the century. Choirs, bands and orchestras from the district were well known in this central area of Alberta.

The above contains only a few recollections of this settlement. I hope they may be of interest.

Yours truly,  
Clarence O. Jevne  
RR#1  
Ponoka, Alta.

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## SOME MODERN OLD PROVERBS

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Early to bed and early to rise is a sure sign you're fed up with television.

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The man who stands on his own two feet is always admired in an elevator.

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# ICELANDIC Newsletter

**NEXT MEETING —**  
Phoning committee will advise.

**COMING EVENTS —**  
Tune in to Scandinavian Hour, CFCW Camrose, Sat., 11:25 a.m.  
September — And life returns to routine. All our travellers are back, and they have surely been far and wide—Gus and Della Roland in Europe with the Edmonton Youth Orchestra—Marino Kristjansson in Iceland—Jo Wetterberg in Quebec and points east—and Pearl and Arlene Valgardson in Yellowknife. Jonina Eaman has returned from Gimli and Donna Rae Valgardson spent a week at the Stratford Festival in Ontario.

Don and Mickey Shaw, Berkyl Letourneau and Gunnar and Shirley Thorvaldson headed for Vancouver (all at different times) AND Gunnar and Shirley were lucky enough to see the Reykjavik City Band performance there. Gunnar deserves a big vote of thanks for the organizing of the Band Visit to Edmonton. The picture taken at the banquet has been ordered and will be mailed as soon as they are received.

Martha Arnason spent a most interesting weekend on a tour of Southern Alberta. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. MacPherson from Grenfell Sask., have been visiting at Lorne and Lillian MacPherson's—Thorey Greenham's mother, Mrs. G. Vigfusson, from Selkirk, Man., enjoyed a visit with Les and Thorey and the Vigfusson family.

We have a charming Icelandic girl in our midst, namely Olóf Haralds Dóttir. She will be here for three months and is staying with Chris and Lara Hale.

Sept. 5 was a big day for Ari and Sigrun Arnalds—they became parents of a lovely 8 lb. 1 oz. boy. Congratulations and best wishes from us all!!!

Leif and Lucille Oddson attended the Social Credit Convention in Calgary where Leif was a nominee for Strathcona Constituency. Speaking of Calgary, we hear from Thora Vaughn that winter has been and gone (temporarily).

Another birth announcement—this time from Leigh and Shirley Syms of Winnipeg (formerly Edmonton). Their Signy Jonina was born Sept. 6 and weighed 8 lb. 2 oz.!!

Gail Mitchell is presently working at Group Home #4 with the Youth Development Centre. Likes it fine.

We learned last week that Mrs. Frank Palsson of Dawson Creek had passed away. Our sympathy is extended to the Mitchell and Palsson families.

The Archives Committee would appreciate hearing from any reader who has information of Icelandic Pioneers in Alberta.

P.S. I've heard it said that when in Rome do as the Romans do—But while you are in Yellowknife, just watch your P's and Q's.

**NEXT CORRESPONDENT —**  
Mrs. Lillian MacPherson, phone 422-7557.

## Saga Singers at Stony Plain

The Saga Singers began the season with a concert at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home at Stony Plain on Sun., Oct. 17. The program was presented at the invitation of the arts committee of the Parkland Regional Recreation. Mr. B. Laurie, Chairman of the Arts Committee, welcomed the singers, then turned the program over to Don Shaw who M.C.'d the remainder of the program. Highlights of the program were solos and duets by Mrs. Margaret Decosse (St. Paul, Alta.) and Mrs. Johanna Couves, and a reading from the book "The Fish Can Sing" (H. K. Laxness) by Fjallkona Mrs. Lillian MacPherson. Coffee and Icelandic baking by the choir ladies brought the afternoon to a very pleasant close.

The Saga Singers thank the Arts Committee and audience for their kind hospitality. Special thanks to Mrs. Della Roland and Mrs. Berkyl Letourneau for arranging the program, Lucille Oddson for lunch arrangements and Freda Smith for the display table.

## A Compliment to Wardair Canda Limited

BY TOM NIELSEN

Scandinavian Center Charter Flights for 1972, Flight No. 40 to Oslo and Flight No. 41 to Copenhagen were both carried by Wardair Canada Limited and in the traditional Wardair manner, with its superb and courteous service, so perfectly described in the September issue of this paper by Mrs. Ester Mellemstrand, a passenger on the Oslo Flight.

The Flight To Copenhagen: everything went well and on time to Copenhagen. On the return trip something unusual happened. As the plane landed to pick us up, the hydraulic brakes on two wheels locked, with the result that these two wheels had to be replaced.

Departing time was originally 3:00 p.m. We were now informed that 6:00 p.m. would be likely time of departure. Needless to say, everyone looked depressed, most of all Mrs. Vera Nielsen—this was the 22nd Wardair Charter she had organized, and the first time her flight was not on time. However, Wardair's representative from London, who was present to see us off, quickly issued free tickets for coffee and pastry at the Airport Restaurant. At 6:00 p.m. the Boeing 707 was pulled up to the departing ramp

and inspected by the Captain—evidently the repair was not done to his satisfaction, as we were now told so a new departure time would be announced at 9:00 p.m. Someone must have worked fast because in a very short time all Wardair passengers were called to the information desk and from there taken to a row of large buses which drove us to a very fine Establishment called Dragor Fargegaard. Here, families with children, were given rooms, where the children could sleep.

At the Banquet Room we found tables set for 176 persons, a Beer at each plate and a lovely dinner was served. After the meal a Bar appeared and refreshments served until midnight, all with the compliments of Wardair Canada Limited.

At 1:30 a.m. we were on our way. Shortly after take-off another hot meal was served and again about one hour before landing, breakfast and coffee were served.

Everyone aboard agreed that Wardair had gone all out to turn a misfortune into a pleasant experience.

On behalf of everyone aboard Flight 303 Aug. 28, 1972, "Thank you for a job well done."

## The United Way

"The United Way" of Edmonton and Area was pleased to announce that Miss Karen Magnussen, Olympic Silver Metal winner for figure skating at Sapporo, Japan, would officially launch the 1972 United Way Campaign for \$2,178,000.

Miss Magnussen arrived in Edmonton Sun. Sept. 24 for the official kick-off ceremonies Mon. Sept. 25. She had a full day of events that included being a guest at a Metropolitan Breakfast at the Chateau Lacombe. Immediately following the official kick-off at 100 Street and Jasper Avenue at 12:00 noon, Sept. 25, she was taken on a tour of various United Way Agencies.

### ITINERY

Monday, September 25th  
1. 7:15 a.m.—Metropolitan Division Kick-Off Breakfast. This event was held in the Alberta "A" room at the

Chateau Lacombe. There were approximately 200 people in attendance. As guest speaker, Karen was asked to address the gathering at 8:25 a.m. by Metropolitan Division Chairman, Mr. Jerry Fullerton.

2. 9:30 a.m.—News Conference. All Edmonton Media were in attendance at the Chateau Lacombe in the Alberta "C" room.
3. 12:00 noon—Official Kick-Off Ceremonies. 100 Street and Jasper Avenue.
4. 2:30 p.m.—Karen toured the Community Day Nursery, one of the United Way 44 member agencies, at 9641-102A Ave. This nursery provides care for pre-school children from the ages of 2-1/2 to 6 years. It primarily serves the sole-supporting parent.
5. 8:00 p.m.—Karen departed for Calgary by Pacific Western Airlines.

## 50th Wedding Anniversary ARVI KARVONENS



On Sat. Aug. 19, a 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary Party was held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Arvi Karvonen in the Scandinavian Centre, Dania Room.

Mr. and Mrs. Karvonen were married in Muolaa, Finland, in 1922 and immigrated to Canada in 1925. They homesteaded that year at Hollow Lake, Alta., where they presently reside. They raised a family of two daughters, Elvil and Martha, and five sons, Alex, Eino, Albert, Edward and Paul.

Present at the celebrations were their family and grandchildren as well as many friends.

Congratulations were received from Lieutenant Governor Grant MacEwan, Premier Lougheed and Mr. Appleby, MLA for Athabasca.

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## More notes on the Sons Of Norway International Convention

The 42nd International Convention of Sons Of Norway, world's largest organization of North Americans of Norse descent, recently held on the Miami, Florida-based cruise liner M.S. "Song Of Norway" elected Roy C. Eide, 54, of Minneapolis, Minn. as new President, succeeding Hilmen E. Kjolli, of Nevada City, Calif.

Other officers and directors elected were: Harry Ludwigsen, Ketchikan, Alaska, Vice-president; Egil L. Olsen, Baltimore, Md., Secretary; Joseph Runsvold, Fargo, N.D., Treasurer. Directors: Glen Ruona, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mikal Kartvedt, Duluth, Minn. (new); Howard F. Herbranson, Eugene, Oregon; Carl Saltveit, Portland, Ore.; Leif Aschim, Pennsauken, N. J.; Frank Monnick, Staten Island, N.Y. (new); Knut Svidal, Edmonton; Sewall E. Peterson, Olav Eide, Milwaukee, Wisc. (new); Trygve Soyland, Glendora,

Calif.; and Haakon Soros, New Westminster, B.C.

For the first time in the 77-year-old saga of the Minneapolis-based Society, now comprising some 75,000 members in 300 local lodges throughout the U.S. and Canada, a Youth Conference was held in conjunction with the week-long Caribbean Convention cruise. About 60 young conference participants also had a joint meeting with the near 200 delegates.

President Richard Nixon and the Royal Couple of Norway, Crown Prince Harald and Crown Princess Sonja sent greetings to the biennial Sons Of Norway Convention. At a special ceremony during the stay in San Juan, Puerto Rico, greetings and gifts were exchanged between representatives of the Governor, Luis Alberto Ferre and Sons of Norway leaders.

During another function, the "Song Of Norway" master,

Captain Eigil Eriksen, was named an honorary S/N member. A featured entertainment highlight was performances by the S/N Fort Lauderdale, Florida lodge Leikarring.

While ashore in St. Thomas, a hastily put-together S/N soccer team challenged the ship champion team to a match ending in a 3-1 victory for the crew team. Exchange of gifts followed the event.

Solbakken 64 Lodge of Anaheim-Fullerton, Calif. was given the "Lodge-of-the-Year" award.

Bids for the 1976 International Convention were presented by Minnesota, Michigan and Massachusetts lodges. The site will be Arrowood, Alexandria, Minn. The 1974 Convention is scheduled for Banff, Alta.

Prior to the Convention, the S/N Board and special committees met in Fort Lauderdale for meetings. Among the

guests were the Norwegian Vice Consul, Mr. Øistein Bergh.

All arrangements for the recent Florida events were made by the Convention Committee, representing all S/N lodges in Florida and headed by Mr. Bjarne Eikevik of Fort Lauderdale.

For additional information:  
Bert Vanberg  
Public Relations Director  
SONS OF NORWAY  
1455 West Lake  
Minneapolis, Minn. 55408

### ALBERTA MEMBERS OF SONS OF NORWAY ATTENDING THE CONVENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Broen  
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BY STEPHANIE JOHNSON

## COMING EVENTS:

Wed., Oct. 18 — Initiation and Social Evening in the Nordic Room, Scandinavian Centre. We would like to see as many members as possible attend since the last Social Evening did not have a very good turn-out.

Sat., Oct. 14 — Lief Erickson Night in the Viking Room, Scandinavian Centre.

Sat., Nov. 25 — Lutfisk Supper at Masonic Temple. Please keep this event in mind—more information will be forthcoming in the November Solglyt Spotlight. JR. LODGE:

Jr. Lodge is held every 2nd Sunday of every month. No information presented.

Birthday Greetings from the Lodge to Andy Mjoatveit. HOSPITAL

Bro. Olaf Rost is in the Misericordia—we wish him a speedy recovery.

A speedy recovery to Bro. Stan Hofso.

## OBITUARY

Our sympathy to Isobelle Mjoatveit for her loss.

Sons of Norway is planning another big "Lief Erickson Fest" for Sat., Oct. 14. The evening will begin with an authentic Lief Erickson smorgasbord followed by a program and dancing.

Tickets will definitely be limited to 250 and must be purchased in advance.

## SPECIAL DOOR PRIZE

Framed reproduction of "Lief Erickson Discovers Vinland". Beautiful color as painted by the famous Norwegian painter, Christian Krohg.

For tickets phone Selma Sorenson at 466-1839 or Rose Suidal at 488-6558.

Next month's reporter is Kay Olafson. Please contact her at 469 - 2159.

## Sea Treasure Found

More than 400 lbs. of gold and silver coins dating back to the early 1700s have been found on the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean off Rundøy near Alesund. One Norwegian and two Swedish frogmen found the coins in the remains of what is believed to be the Dutch East India Company ship Achardam, which sank in 1725. The money may have been intended as payment for Norwegian timber.

The find, believed to be the largest ever made on the sea bottom in European waters, consists of Dutch and Spanish coins. Some of the latter were struck in Mexican and South American mints.

It was first thought that the treasure would be the property of the State, but legal opinion now is that it belongs to the finders. According to a representative of the University of Oslo, so many coins have been found that the collector's market value of similar coins already found may decline.

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Hunting of polar bears at Svalbard (Spitzbergen) will be prohibited for five years after the 1973-74 season. No "safari hunting" will be permitted this year.

## BOOKS

"The Boat In The Evening", by Tarjei Vesaas. Translated from the Norwegian by Elizabeth Rokkan. Original title: "Batem Om Kvelden". First published in 1968 in Norway, this is the last book by the great Norwegian novelist, who died in 1970. He called it a summation of his life's experience. Hardcover. 184 pp. His many works include the following novels, which have been published in English translations in the United States: "Palace Of Ice" (1968), "The Birds" (1969) and "The Bridges" (1970). (Published by William Morrow and Company, Inc., 105 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016. Price: \$5.95.)

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"Edvard Munch" by Nic. Stang. Translated from the Norwegian by Carol J. Knudsen. A paperback in the Tokens of Norway series. The 304-page biography contains a wealth of illustrations of the master's life and works, several of which are in full-page color. Ragna Stang has edited the illustrations. This is a fine book which has received great praise from the critics. (Published by Johan Grundt Tanum Forlag, Oslo. Price: 44kroner).

# Ski Norway

## NORWAY FOR SKIING VACATIONS

A new ski guide to Norway has just been published by the Norwegian National Tourist Office in New York. It is designed primarily for travel agents, and contains a wealth of information on the various aspects of skiing in Norway, including a gazetteer covering the most well known skiing resorts. Copies are available from Norwegian National Tourist Office, 505 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017.

## NORWAY—"Where Skiing Began"

The sport of skiing originated in Norway several thousands of years ago, and the oldest proof is the famous rock carving depicting a skier, made at Roday in Nordland over 4,000 years ago. Norwegians introduced the sport to a number of countries around the world, particularly after the invention made over a hundred years ago by Sondre Nordheim (1825-98) of Norgedal in Telemark, who revolutionized the sport of skiing by inventing modern ski bindings. Perhaps the most famous Norwegian emigrant skier was "Snowshoe Thompson" (1827-79), also born in Telemark, who created skiing history by carrying the mail on skis across the Sierra Nevada mountains every winter from 1856 until the first railroad opened in 1869. Any History of Skiing will certainly be mainly about Norwegians. Ask for bulletins on the History of Skiing and the men from Telemark who started it from the Norwegian National Tourist Office.

## NORWEGIAN SKI RESORTS

Modern ski centres are found throughout Norway, from the sunny South Coast and right up to the northernmost province, beyond the Arctic Circle. However, the main concentration of ski resorts is found along the two principal railroads—the Bergen railroad from Oslo to Bergen, with famous centres such as Voss and Geilo, and the Dovre railroad from Oslo to Trondheim, including Lillehammer and Oppodal, finally in the province of Telemark, which is often described as the "Cradle Of Skiing". It should also be noted that Oslo, Vikingland's capital city, is the only capital city in Europe which is also a famous winter sports centre.

For lack of space, this guide can only describe a very few ski centres, which have already achieved popularity among ski buffs from USA and Canada.

## NORWEGIAN HOTELS AND SKI LODGES

These are modern and comfortable, equipped with up-to-date facilities. When staying 5 days or more, they allow pension terms, which include room and 3 meals a day. A service charge of 12.5 or 15% is added automatically to the bill. Hotels are listed under each resort. Reduced rates in 1973 apply from Jan. 2 to Feb. 4.

## DNT SKI LODGES

Den Norske Turisforening (DNT) owns a number of tourist lodges in the principal mountain ranges, where ski touring is the beginning and the end. You may stay put at the same lodge, or you may go from one lodge to another. Information from DNT, Stortingsgaten 28, Oslo 1.

## NORDMARKA SKI LODGES

Nordmarka is the vast open-air country just outside Oslo, with perfect snow conditions from Christmas to mid-March. Foreningen til Ski-Idrettsens

Fremme )Ski Promotion Society) owns a series of ski lodges in this area, ideal for ski touring vacations. (Information from Oslo Travel Association, Raadhusgaten 19, Oslo 1.

## LOG CABIN VACATIONS

Over 800 private log cabins are available for rental in Norway's mountain ranges, ideal for families or groups of 4 to 6 persons or more. Most can be reached by train or automobile. Norwegian travel agents can provide information, or you may write to: Den Norske Hytteformidling, Kierschowsgate 7, Oslo 4.

## YOUTH HOSTEL VACATIONS

This is the most inexpensive vacation anybody can have in the whole of Europe, and there is no age limit. Some hostels even have family rooms, where mom and dad can stay with their children. The atmosphere is truly international—with general singing and exchange of stories around the open fireplace, resulting in lasting friendship among visitors from many nations. The youth hostels at Geilo and Lillehammer are among the finest in Europe. Winter program from the Norwegian Youth Hostel Association, Dronningensgate 26, Oslo 1.

## MOTORING INTO SNOW

The Norwegian State Railways provide the swiftest access to the mountain ranges of Norway, but if you travel in a group, it could be cheaper to rent a car. You can drive by car from Bergen to Voss in winter, but not to Geilo. From Oslo, you can drive a car to all ski resorts on the Bergen railroad east of Ustaoset, and to all resorts on the Dovre railroad including Lillehammer, also to Telemark, etc.

## CHILDREN ARE WELCOME, TOO!

Skiing in Norway is a family affair, which is apparent when you see the many gadgets available for even tiny toddlers. Several hotels provide baby-sitter service at modest charges, and all ski resorts have ski schools for children.

## SEASON

The winter sports season opens on December 20 for Christmas and lasts until after Easter. The peak season extends throughout the months of February and March. Remember that accommodation for Christmas Week and Easter Week is usually reserved a year in advance - but that is also the time when hotels in Oslo and Bergen are almost empty!

Skiing can be had as late as May, when staying at Finse, the highest station on the Bergen railroad, elevation 4,010 ft. Special events such as glacier skiing in summer, combined Country, take place every year in June and July. Ask us for details on glacier skiing.

## CHRISTMAS & EASTER IN NORWAY

Both weeks provide the peak ski season, when the cities are deserted, because most Norwegians prefer to spend Christmas and Easter at a ski resort in the mountain ranges. Hotel rooms are difficult to get - unless ordered a year in advance - but the program never fails to excite foreign visitors lucky enough to get rooms. Several hotels have special programs which include the religious aspects as well as the joy of white crisp snow. {Continued on Page 7}

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# VASA LODGE SKANDIA



BY PAT HYDE

After a brief business meeting at Vasalub on Sept. 2, a surprise birthday party was held for Verna Larson. Verna's parents, Mr. and Mr. Kvarnberg, were guests from Burford Lodge, which made it an extra special occasion. Evelyn Modin read a biography of Verna's life, and Minnie Markstrom presented Verna with a gift from her many friends. Lunch was served, and dancing followed.

Many activities are being planned for this fall, and there's sure to be something for everyone:

The Ladies Auxiliary will meet at the home of Emil and Mildred Weiss, 11432 - 88 St. at 8 p.m. the evening of Sat., Oct. 14. A good attendance is hoped for this date, as the Smorgasbord of Oct. 28 will be planned on that night. Smorgasbord night on the 28th will be a full evening, with dancing, dinner and entertainment included in the price of your ticket.

Vasa Curlers And Would-Be Curlers! If you're interested in curling at the Balmoral Club on Tuesday evenings at 9:15, please contact Don Johnson, 433-6150, or Vi Petterson, 455-6055. This will be starting on Oct. 17. A good start has been made on a league, with six teams already lined up, but members are still needed. **BEGINNERS WELCOME!**

Cultural Leader Bengt Christiansen has been busy organizing the following activities pertaining to Swedish culture:

Folk Dancing — Will commence in October—contact Joan Petersson at 436-4423.

Swedish Language Classes — Led by Mona Cumberbatch, will commence Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. Classes will be held at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Weaving — The Swedish loom is nearly ready. Weaving classes will be on Tuesday evening at 7:30, in the Scandinavian Centre. Contact Bengt Christiansen for details.

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A special thank you is extended from Harold Lundgren to all those who attended his birthday party at Pigeon Lake on July 16. He also wishes to thank everyone for their gifts and good wishes.

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## The Warp Of A Perfect Day

BY BERTHA A. KLEINMAN

When the dusk descends and the setting sun  
discloses the deeds of the day well done,  
Do you still remember a task—just one,  
A task defaulted and shunned away to delete and  
despoil your perfect day?  
As you close your door on the eventide, to nestle  
and drowse at your fireside,  
Is there one last call you have failed to keep that  
flutters your dreams as you fall asleep?  
Not the alpine summit where eagles soar, nor the  
dizzy heights of Excelsior—  
It's the little tasks you postpone away that mar the  
Warp of your perfect day.

### VASA GLIMPSES

Mona and John Cumberbatch recently travelled to the Yukon and Alaska by boat and bus with Mona's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rosen, who have now returned to Sweden.

Bill, Martha and Joyce Kay spent a short holiday in Jasper, accompanied by their guests from England. The Kays have also been to Saskatoon visiting Harold, Lulu and Lisa Lundgren.

Betty and Magnus Pearson had a surprise visit from their grandson, Greg Frederking, from Santa Anna, Calif. Greg made his visit to his grandparents' for a few days in August.

Evelyn and Willard Modin have been happy to have their son, Wayne, and his family, as frequent visitors from Calgary this summer.

Florence and Earl Erickson have had visitors from British Columbia recently. Viola Stanyer of Honeymoon Bay has been their guest, as well as Bob and Helen Bellman of Victoria.

St. Joseph's Hospital patients have again been frequent visitors to Vasalub at Pigeon Lake. A few outings took place in August and more were planned in Sept.

Anna and Rudy Sund have returned from a six-week tour of Sweden and Norway. They say they were treated royally during their trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Markstrom have had holidays at Jasper, Banff and Radium, accompanied by Minnie's sister from Ontario.

Bert and Gertie Holmgren are continuing their holidays in their trailer. They were recently at Miligne Lake, where the fishing was reported to be excellent.

A few Vasa members have been "on the move"...

Elwood and Diane Johnson's new address is 11134 - 63 St.

Hanna Sand has moved to 11435 - 135 St., telephone 452 - 5178.

Vasa Lodge Skandia has at least two new members for 1986:

Curtis Kenneth Harold Banks — born on July 7, 1972, to Ken and Carol Banks.

Sheila Dawn Eliasson — born on June 25, 1972, to Glen and Audrey Eliasson.

Vasa members will be sorry to hear that our District Master, John Holmlund is in Colonel Newburn Hospital. A speedy recovery is wished to him.

BY BUD D'AMUR

"Talking skiing, when the leaves haven't finished dropping yet, you must be daft man." Maybe so—but for a lot of people, ski shops, ski school directors, hill owners and operators, the season never stops. In Edmonton's ski specialty shops a lot of merchandise is now being pushed around on the shelves in anticipation of the big rush soon to come from the buying skiing public. For the most part I'm talking about the ski specialty shops, among the best of these around town are Lucky's, Abominable, Skiers, and not the least, The Mountain Shop. Plans have been carefully laid for this new season and each in turn has his "own thing" going for him. What is, when you boil it all down, really is the people—the right people. That special commodity that goes into making a specialty shop, day well Special! Now isn't that an original thought? Just the same it's pretty hard to beat Abominable's "Uncle Al Eden" on boots; The Mountain Shop's Rick Checklund on cross country gear. Skier's George McEvoy on skis; Lucky's Grant (Mugs) Cameron on bindings; and of course, Alex Ball on anything. One trip around town turns up a horde of local characters without which this ski business would be no business. If you don't believe me, drop in on Angus MacDonald, Ron Dasoway, Bill Harrison or Len Sutton—that's if you can find any of them, and see what I mean. For that matter, you might still catch a glimpse of Lucky Binnie himself.

The point is that skiing has taken off hereabouts in a high-flying manner these past few

# Ski Rap

years and nowadays it looks like everybody's trying to get into the act. Take it anyway you want but, for me, most of these guys I've been talking about deliver the goods because a big part of their business is service. Not necessarily with a smile, mind you—usually where it does the most good—in your best interest.

All I'm asking you to do is be on guard for hard sell pushy types—whatever shop you go into. You may want to know something,

in fact, may even want to learn something—if so, then see any of the "types" I've been talking about. There are others, but then again, I don't know everybody.

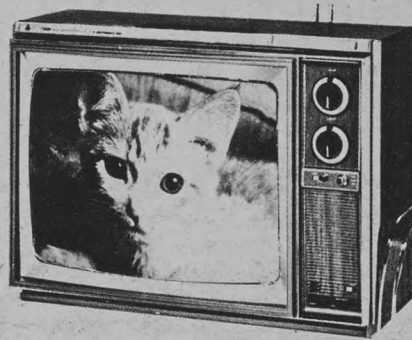
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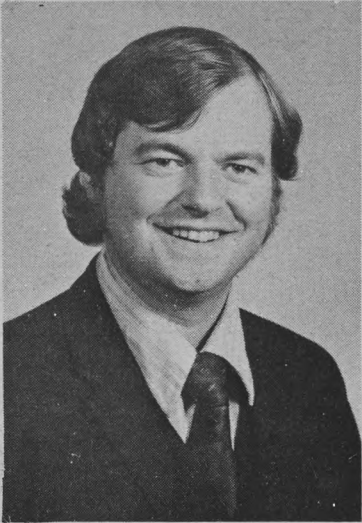
BY LARRY ROSS

In early August, Edmonton Radio Stations each selected one announcer for a final draw as the Media Representative with the Edmonton delegation seeking the 1978 British Commonwealth Games in Munich, West Germany. Stu Melby, CHQT's morning host, was chosen in that final draw and in a recent interview described his trip.

On the day of the decision, with Stu Melby on the Communications network in Munich, and Frank Hutton on the other end at the O'Keefe's Centre at the Macdonald Hotel, tension was obviously great. Stu said, "Tension at the Arabella Hotel in Munich was fantastic, however, I think everyone with the Edmonton delegation was optimistic that we would be successful." Successful we were and the games will be coming to Edmonton in 1978.

Following the games decision, some controversy surrounded the Rhodesia question. Had the fact that Rhodesia could not participate in the Games in Edmonton because they are not a member of the British Commonwealth made that much difference to the African delegations? Stu Melby says, "There was really no way of knowing, but some of our delegates talked with them afterwards and had discovered they had made up their minds anyway even before anything had been said about Rhodesia." Did Mayor Ivor Dent's trip to Africa earlier this year make a difference? "Definitely, regardless of how you feel about the Mayor, in this particular case everyone would have to agree that it certainly made a difference, he did one heck-of-a job over there."

The actual announcement of the Games decision was relayed



STU MELBY...CHQT

from the conference room by means of a relay team with Edmonton delegation members stationed along the corridor and down the stairs to the Communications network and then relayed to Edmonton. The announcement was made by Ralph Maas.

Throughout the entire time in Munich, the Edmonton delegation worked in teams, on a low-keyed, person-to-person basis, and this many of the delegates felt was the difference. Leeds came to the Conference with a large delegation, spent ten times the money and had a professional public relations firm running their campaign.

Was there any animosity after the Games decision was handed down between Leeds and Edmonton? Stu Melby says, "No, they were naturally disappointed but they held a meeting for about an hour, and then the party started." There was an agreement between the two that the loser would pay for the party to be held in the Leeds room.

The Party certainly took place, and they paid for it.

We would be remiss if we didn't mention the role that the Alberta All Birls Drum And Bugle Band played in Munich. Although their role was an unofficial one with the delegation, they certainly made their mark at the Conference. Evidence of this is recent invitations for a Royal Performance next year and invitations to a number of European events.

Following the British Commonwealth Conference, Stu Melby had the opportunity to visit the Country he was born in, Norway, and to visit friends and relatives he had not seen for 22 years.

From Munich, Stu travelled to Copenhagen for a brief stop-over. Then on to Oslo, where he met his brother. Was it the way you though the country would be? "Well I remember quite a bit about it from what I've been told and pictures that I have seen, I didn't have any language problem or anything like that." Norwegian has been spoken in the Melby household for a long time, and Stu is almost fluent in the language.

"One, thing for certain is that you never forget that you are in a foreign country." Signs, food, the buildings and everything are very much different.

While discussing travel, Stu had a kind of backhanded compliment for motorists in Europe. "I must compliment the Europeans on the fact that they have very tough laws concerning cars . . . there are no old junkers at all . . . the Government just doesn't allow them . . . you never see a car billowing black smoke . . . it just isn't permitted." Traffic laws in West Germany seem to favor the motorist, and

not the pedestrian or cyclist. "I was frightened driving the first couple of days in Munich, drivers don't seem to obey speed limits or anything, and the Police don't seem to enforce them." Stu gave an example, "I went from Munich to Strasburg, a resort town about 25 kilometers (15-1/2 miles) away on the Auto-bahn . . . it took 7 minutes to get there . . . we were going almost 130 miles an hour, and people were passing us . . . I wasn't too comfortable about that."

While in Norway, Stu was interviewed by a regional station of the Norwegian Broadcasting System. The tape was later sent to the headquarters in Oslo and broadcast on the full network. He described Norwegian radio as similar to the national radio network in Canada.

Are the cultural and traditional values of Norway accurate as we have been taught in this country? "Not really, you have to go there to see for yourself . . . there's a much slower pace in Norway, there's strict Government control on everything, taxes are quite heavy, although medical and dental services are provided for everyone. I don't think there are any really poor people in Norway, nor are there many really rich people . . . the people there are very recreation conscious to take advantage of what nature has bestowed on Norway." Is there a situation in Norway similar to the North American Rat Race? "No it's much tamer there, although Oslo is very cosmopolitan and I suppose there is to a certain extent in the City, but generally there really isn't."

Norwegians were equally as shocked as were people all over the world when news of the

Israeli Olympic team massacre happened at Munich. Stu Melby was in Norway at the time and he said, "Norwegian radio and television carried almost continuous coverage from Munich, and Norwegians were very shocked at something like this happening." Spirits had been very high in Norway at the time, a cyclist and a weight-lifter had both won gold medals at the Olympics for Norway.

Stu Melby's trip to Munich, as Edmonton Media representative, was made possible through the courtesy of O'Keefe's . . . "I am very grateful to Jim Weaver (Edmonton Manager of O'Keefe's) and his people for making the trip possible." O'Keefe's also provided the communications network from Munich to the Macdonald Hotel in Edmonton, and a sound vehicle outside of the Macdonald Hotel.

Following his duties in Munich, Stu had the opportunity to take the short side trip to Norway . . . "Going to Norway was I dream that I had for a long time, to visit my relatives and my grandmother who is 86 years of age."

"The entire trip to Munich, then to Norway and then back home was fantastic . . . everything just seemed to fall into place . . . there were no disappointments at all . . . the trip of a lifetime . . . a real experience."

**SMILE!**  
A Freshman was puzzled about the proper way to address his English teacher. "Should I call you Dr.," he asked, "or Mrs.?" "Mrs.," she answered, "I worked harder for it."

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# Skiing Norway

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**CLIMATE**

The weather in Norway is pleasantly free from extremes - it is never too cold in winter and never too hot in summer - perhaps due to the benign influence of the Gulf Stream. Statistics show that even in January there are 5 to 7 hours of daily sunshine, and this should satisfy the most energetic skiers. In February there are 7-10 hours of daily sunshine, 10-12 in March and 12-15 hours in April. Norway is certainly more solar than polar!

**SNOW CONDITIONS**

There is ample snow from Christmas to well beyond Easter in all mountain ranges over 2,500 ft., but if you have chosen a resort below this elevation, you might check with our weekly snow report.

**SAFE SKIING**

There is very little danger of avalanches in the Norwegian mountain ranges, and all popular skiing trails are clearly marked. However, there is one very important point: if you plant to set out on a long ski touring trip, always tell your hall porter in advance the route you have in mind, and when you expect to be back.

**CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT**

Whether you go to Vermont, Colorado or Norway for a ski vacation, you will need the same outfit. However, for Norway you should know that a lounge suit with tie is usually required for dinner wear at first class hotels, and black tie at Christmas and Easter.

Although you may hire equipment locally at any ski centre in Norway, you probably wish to own your own outfit, and there are many ski shops in Canada which stock the finest articles from Norway.

If you wish to order equipment from shops in Norway, always state your height when ordering skis and poles, state your size of boots when ordering bindings, and order one number larger than your shoes when buying ski boots.

**THE NORWEGIAN SKI SCHOOL**

This school is based on standardized ski instruction throughout Norway - and you can learn the very same technique wherever you spend your ski vacation. The curriculum is highly fluid - taking in everything we have learned from the time when Fridtjof Nansen walked on skis across Greenland in 1896 until the gold medals were dished out in Japan during the Winter Olympic Games in February 1972. The technique is modernized from one season to another, but whether you spend one week at one resort and another elsewhere, your teacher will apply the same curriculum.

It's worth knowing that Norway differentiates between a ski instructor and a ski teacher. A ski instructor must first of all prove that he is a good skier, and then he must go through a week's "ski clinic" and pass the final examination. To become a ski teacher, he must also have worked as a ski instructor throughout one season, and then he must pass a rigorous test. If he succeeds, he will be entitled to start his own ski school. It sounds complicated - but remember that Stein Eriksen did it - and he is a millionaire today.

**THE NORWEGIAN SKI SCHOOL "STAR BADGES"**

These are proficiency marks for those who recognize skis and snow as the key to joy of winter

sports vacations. You may try to get the "one-star" badge, and eventually you may even collect the 2-star and the 3-star badge. If you feel at a loss to understand what it's all about, look at it this way: Consider downhill skiing as a bicycle trip without pedals; consider ski touring as a bicycle trip with pedals and no brakes. Now, start on your bicycle trip with pedals and brakes - and you have Nordic and Alpine skiing in one go!

**SKI LIFTS**

All ski resorts listed in this guide have modern ski lifts of various types. A common trait peculiar to Norway is that there is seldom a waiting line at ski lifts, probably because Norwegians still prefer ski touring without artificial aids. You will also discover very quickly that ski lift fares in Norway are infinitely cheaper than in most other countries.

**ALPINE SKIING**

Thirty ski centres in Norway qualify for international giant slalom contests, which means that they have trails of more than 250 metres (812.5 ft.) actual height between start and finish. Voss and Geilo are tops in this respect, and other good centres are at Gol, Hemsedal, Kongsberg, Norefjell and Oppdal.

**NORDIC SKI TOURING**

Norwegians love to fasten their skis outside the hotel and then walk uphill and downhill between breakfast and lunch. You can choose a ski tour which follows a marked trail - or you may make your own trail. The vast open-air space in Norwegian mountain ranges calls for variety, and you may choose an entirely new route every day during your stay. Lillehammer is an ideal resort in this respect, and the Telemark area is also well recommended.

**SKI TOURING WITH DOG-SLED TEAM**

This is a popular sport in Norway. The idea is to ski from one mountain lodge to another, aided by specially trained dog-sled teams. Each team consists of 5 huskies, trained to pull a sled with about 300 pounds luggage. Consequently, skiers need not carry a heavy rucksack. Each team is led by a Norwegian ski expert. It is not necessary for members to be expert skiers, but some skiing experience is certainly required. Ladies are welcome, too. Program from Den Norske Turistforening (DNT), Stortingsgaten 28, Oslo 1.

**SKI JUMPING**

Every ski centre has one or more ski jumping hills, but the most famous of them all is of course the Holmenkollen ski jumping tower in Oslo with a built-in Ski Museum and even a restaurant.

**SKI "FLYING"**

In this age of space travel, plain ski jumping is being superseded by "ski flying". Norway has one famous ski flying hill, situated at Vikersund, 50 miles west of Oslo, opened in 1967 with a world record by 22-years old Reinhold Bachler of Austria, who jumped 154 m or 505 ft.

**SKATING**

The skating season extends from early December until late March. The main centre for speed skating and figure skating is in Oslo - Sonja Henie's city - which operates 72 skating rinks during the season. Many nations send their national teams to Oslo

for training before international and Olympic events, but Lillehammer and Hamar are also popular skating centres for training as well as competitions. A unique skating race was inaugurated in March 1972 on lake Randsfjord, where the speed skating trail from Brandbu and back measured 70 kilometres (43 miles). The trail was open for training purposes 3 days prior to skaters from many nations.

**ICE HOCKEY**

Amateur competitions take place Oct./March in indoor ice hockey rinks in Oslo, Bergen, Drammen, Sarpsborg and Stavanger.

**BANDY**

Bandy is a popular sport in Norway, rules as in football, but the field is ice-covered and the players use a small puck instead of a football, pushing it with crescent-shaped clubs. There are 11 players on each team, and each competition includes 2 rounds.

**CURLING**

The Scottish and Canadian sport of curling was introduced to Norway in 1954, when a Scottish curling team organized competitions at Oppdal on the Dovre railroad. Since then, curling centres have been established at Geilo, Lillehammer, Oppdal, Oslo, Trondheim and Vinstra. National and international competitions are held every season.

**SLEIGH RIDES**

Sleigh rides with torch lights are very popular in Norway as part of apres-ski activities, and organized outings take place in a number of ski resorts.

**APRES-SKI**

Centres like Voss, Geilo and Lillehammer offer a varied program from day to day, including informal dancing, entertainments, ice skating, shopping, discotheque, sauna, tobogganing, folklore entertainment, in addition to the traditional cycle of imbibing and dancing, etc.

**LICENSING REGULATIONS**

You can order a glass of beer or a bottle of champagne any time anywhere, but hard liquor is available only after 1 p.m. in mountain hotels (after 3 p.m. in cities) until 11:45 p.m. on weekdays and never on Sundays. In Oslo and Bergen you can not have hard liquor on Saturdays as well. If you want to buy it yourself, you can buy beer in supermarkets, but wine and hard liquor you must buy either from the duty-free store before departure from Canada, or from the Wine Monopoly stores in Oslo, Bergen or Lillehammer. There are no liquor stores at Voss or Geilo.

**FOOD IN NORWAY**

Food is something to rave about. The smorgasbord or cold table or "groaning board" is something you must see before you will believe it. Before you leave, you will realize the reason why Norwegians live to eat, whilst most Canadians eat to live!

**OSLO, EUROPE'S SKIING CAPITAL**

Oslo is the only capital in Europe which is also a famous winter sports centre. A special skiing guide for Oslo is now under Any ski vacation in Norway should be combined with a stay in Vikingland's capital city, preferably during weekends, when several hotels offer a special "Oslo Week-End" package at greatly reduced prices.

# NORDSTJARAN NEWS

Among the many travellers this summer were Karen and Louis Thorsen, who went to Denmark to visit with relatives. However, on their return, Karen landed in Wetaskiwin Hospital for a couple weeks. Hope you're feeling better now!

Mrs. Elvira Anderson also travelled abroad this summer. She visited her many relatives in Sweden, but unfortunately she, too, landed in Wetaskiwin Hospital on her return home. Paul and Anna Bloedel, accompanied by Olga Brown, travelled to various points in B.C. Olga paid a surprise visit to her aunt, Christine Olson (a charter member), who now resides in White Rock, B.C.

John and Annie Holmlund entertained Annie's cousins, Martha and Lenard Mattson, who were visiting from Sweden.

Recent visitors at the home of Charlie and Mabel Tapia, were George and Rob Armstrong, who are visiting from Scotland.

Clyde and Doris Krause (nee Holmlund) have transferred from Calgary and are now making their home in Regina, Sask.

Belated congratulations to John Holmlund who was a winner of the "mini-draw" held in conjunction with the Calgary Derby Sweepstakes.

Dave Ogren is now making his home in Wetaskiwin at the Peace Hills Home.

Our sympathy is extended to Carl Hanson at the passing of his brother, Vern.

Thank-you to all members who worked so hard to make the Social Night a success. Remember Oct. 7 is initiation night. Get out and welcome our new members.



I have discontinued long talks," the speaker remarked. "It's on account of my throat. Several people have threatened to cut it."

"Pardon me, sir, but aren't you putting your saddle on backwards?"

"Some cowboy you are! You don't even know which way I'm headed."

She, to parting husband at station: "Good-bye, dear, you will write me? Just a few lines—even if it's just a check."

Mrs. A: "So you fired that wonderful maid of yours?"

Mrs. Z: "Yes, with my automatic kitchen and laundry, I had to let her go and hire a mechanic."

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## The Norwegian Government's reply to Iceland

The Icelandic Ambassador to Norway, H. E. Mr. Agnar Kl. Jonsson, called on Foreign Minister Andreas Cappelen on Aug. 14. Mr. Cappelen delivered the Norwegian Government's note acknowledging receipt of a notification with regard to the promulgation of new regulations concerning the fishery limits off Iceland. Effective Sept. 1, Iceland has extended its fishery limits to 50 miles.

The new regulations would, according to the Norwegian note, be brought to the attention of Norway's fishermen.

The note went on to state that the Norwegian Government was confident that Norwegian fishermen would enjoy equal treatment with fishermen from other countries as regards fishing off Iceland, and that questions in connection with Iceland's fishery limit could be discussed between the two governments as and when they might arise, in light of

the prevailing situation and developments in the field of international law.

In a television interview on the same day Foreign Minister Cappelen said that even if Norway does not protest against the manner in which Iceland has handled the matter, this does not imply that Norway accepts the extension of one country's fishery limits without preceding international negotiations. At the same time, the Foreign Minister made it clear that the Government for the time being would not consider extending Norway's fishery limits. At the present time, and while awaiting the forthcoming United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, the Norwegian Government considers for its part that unilateral steps in this field by individual countries should be avoided. Norway is afraid that this could lead to changes in the fisheries in which the international deep sea fishing fleet takes part. If chain reactions were to follow and lead to substantial changes in the conditions of the fisheries outside Norway's fishery limits, the Norwegian authorities would have to consider in which way the Norwegian interests could be taken care of.

The Norwegian Government attaches great importance to respecting the rules of international law and assumes that questions regarding Iceland's fishery limit could be discussed at a later time when the factual and international law aspects of the matter might be more clarified.

The Norwegian Fishermen's Association has strongly endorsed the Government's handling of the matter.

## SPORTS CORNER

BY TAGE AAGUIST

Another season has ended for the Second Division Outdoor Soccer League, leaving the Danish team in second place with only one point behind the winning team (N. W. United).

In the last five games of the season Dania lost against N. W. United on Aug. 28 (1-4); tied D. F. C. Aug. 30 (2-2); and won over M.F.C. on Sept. 11 (2-1); over the Lions on Sept. 15 (5-0); and over Bristol on Sept. 18 (5-1). This brought the total for the season to 16 wins, 4 losses and 2 ties with a total of 78 goals scored by Dania and 40 goals scored against, giving the team a total of 34 points. The City Police team was close behind with 33 points.

The team scorers throughout the season were:

Arne Jensen with 16 goals  
Peter Jensen with 15 goals  
Fritz Wolf with 9 goals  
Alex Szwydkiw with 6 goals  
Otto Berg with 6 goals  
John Miller with 3 goals  
Ken Anderson with 3 goals  
Walter Mlinaritsch with 5 goals  
Horst Daffner with 4 goals  
Fred Schut with 2 goals  
Adolf Schut with 2 goals  
Robert Maquine with 2 goals  
Cris Verner with 1 goal.

However, we owe our success this season not just to these players as individual goal scorers but mostly to the teamwork displayed by them and their teammates. We take this opportunity to thank all the players for a fine display of sportsmanship and teamwork. We also hope they will be successful in the President Cup games which are now being played. They won their first game against Bristol 4-3.

## DANIA DOINGS



BY VERA NIELSEN

We were glad to see so many turned up for the first Whistdrive of this season and hope to see still more on Oct. 17 at 8:00 p.m.

The few people that showed up for our September Dance sure had a good time. Just too bad that you could not come, too. The membership draw that night was for \$5.00 as the \$40.00 was won at the Klondike Dance by Tage and Ruth Aagui. Orla and Kis Ormstrup were drawn at the September Dance but they were not there, so it will be for \$10.00 at the October Dance.

We are calling all members to turn out for our Annual Meeting to be held on Wed., Oct. 25 at 8:00 p.m. Decide who you would like to see as a director for the next year then come and give your vote, it is very important to your club that you be there. Election will be for a President, 3 Directors, 2 Supplants and 2 Auditors. Coffee will be served after the meeting. Remember the Date **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25** at 8:00 p.m. See you then.

The sale of tickets for this year's Gala Event, "DANIA's 50th Anniversary Banquet on Sat., Oct. 21 is now in full swing and they can be obtained by phoning the Secretary at 454-5438 or from any of the Board Members. Get your tickets early, as there will only be a limited number sold. The Ticket Sale closes Mon., Oct. 16.

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## 20th Anniversary

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would not put on a similar program involving all the Scandinavian groups. So Ojvind Madson and family and Erik Petersen along with Ernst Almerling joined forces and put on their first SCANDINAVIAN HOUR on Sunday, October 26, 1952.

At that time the program was every week and entailed getting 20 minutes together—Ojvind Madson having the Norwegian portion, Erik Petersen the Danish and Ernst Almerling the Swedish. The Icelandic and Finnish have not taken too great an active part in this program so far.

As I mentioned earlier, the program was strictly a voluntary affair and each person responsible for their portion had to foot their own expenses that were entailed—buying records, and the many other small expenses that is entailed with such a project. To raise money for this purpose parties were arranged and different things were included to raise money.

The different Scandinavian societies, which were formed, sometimes donated money to the program. Erik is quick to point out that the Danish Society, "DANIA" (which incidentally is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year) passed a resolution and has from the beginning of this program given it \$100.00 a year to help defray the expenses of the Danish

portion. Erik tells me that after 20 years he has just about broke even. (It may also be noted that the Danish Society allotted \$50.00 a year to THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE NEWS on the same basis.)

Ten years after its origination there seems to have been some internal trouble in connection with the program and when it was all cleared up it was decided that it should be presented every second week instead of every week, and the longer time between programs gave the participants time to prepare their portion more thoroughly.

Since the beginning, Erik Petersen is the only one still connected with the program—Ojvind Madson retired and went back to Norway, and Ernst Almerling has retired to Vancouver.

The present producers and announcers of the program are Erik Petersen for the Danish, Arne J. Johannessen, Norwegian Consul in Edmonton, for the Norwegian; and Lars Lahlstrom for the Swedish.

Erik wishes to thank all those who have participated and helped in any way with the program including the managers of CKUA and Erik's wife, Therese, who gave him encouragement at the times it was necessary.

Listen to this pure Scandinavian Program every second Sunday (this month Oct. 15 and 29) for Scandinavian News Views and Music. You'll enjoy it



# Buford Vasa Lodge

BY RUTH E. EKLUND

We would like to express our sincere sympathy to Mr. Algot Pearson and his family on the loss of their wife and mother. Mr. Hildur Pearson, who was 68, passed away Sept. 9, after a lengthy illness. She leaves to mourn, besides her husband, one son, Robert of Thorsby, and three daughters, Mrs. Olive Davis of Ft. Saskatchewan, Mrs. Dolores Johnson of Telfordville and Mrs. Betty Hanson of Calmar, as well as ten grandchildren and one brother, Mr. Herbert Ohrn of Thorsby.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. Julius

Bergstrom who is in hospital. Mrs. Viola Stanyer of Cowichan Lake, Vancouver Island, spent a week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pearson. She and Mrs. Pearson also motored to Bruce and Viking to visit friends and relatives.

Don't forget the annual Lodge Harvest Social and Dance to be held this year at the Glen Park Hall on Sat., Oct. 7. Music will be supplied by Helge Erickson, and tickets are available from any member.

David Pearson and Tim Hamilton have enrolled at NAIT for the coming year.



## Kitchen Corner

### ROLLS FOR MANY OCCASIONS

1 c. hot water  
1 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. shortening  
1/2 tsp. lukewarm water  
1 yeast cakes (dry or fresh)  
1 egg, well-beaten  
1/4 c. sugar  
1-1/2 c. flour, or more, as needed

Combine hot water, salt, sugar and shortening. Cool until lukewarm. Add yeast, soften in lukewarm water. Add egg, and half the flour to first mixture. Beat well. Add enough flour to make dough easy to handle. Knead on flour board. Roll into balls, place in greased muffin tins, brush with melted butter. Cover and allow rolls to rise in warm place (80 degrees) until they double in size. Bake in hot oven (25 degrees) for about twelve minutes. Remove and brush with butter. If rolls are wanted for later use, store dough in refrigerator in greased bowl. Brush with fat over. Makes 18 rolls.

### SEVEN-MINUTE ROLLS

(Using Basic Recipe)

You can have rolls more often without going to the trouble of mixing up a fresh batch every day. The trick is to "half bake" several batches when you have time. Then brown quickly just before you serve them. You can store these rolls in the refrigerator for two weeks. Instead of baking the rolls in a hot oven, bake them in a slow oven (275 degrees) 20 to 40 minutes, which is a bit longer than usual. Be sure that the temperature is just 275 degrees because that is the secret of success. When you take the rolls from the oven, they will be "platinum blond", but completely baked on the inside. When you want to serve them remove from the refrigerator and pop them into a 400 degree oven. In seven minutes they will be golden brown, and beautifully light and fresh.

Here's a simple and tasty casserole for a chilly day.

### CHEESE BEEF CASSEROLE

1 can mushroom soup  
1 can tomato soup  
1 pkg. Kraft dinner  
1 lb. ground beef  
1 large onion

Fry meat and onion and then drain. Cook the Kraft dinner. Add the meat. Put in a casserole, add the soups mixed with a small amount of water. Bake uncovered for 1 hour at 350 degrees.

### ORANGE GLAZED PORK ROAST

4-4 1/2 lb. boneless pork loin roast  
1-1/2 tsp. dry mustard  
1-1/2 tsp. majoram  
1-1/2 tsp. salt  
1/2 cup frozen concentrated orange juice  
2 tsp. finely grated orange peel  
1 tsp. brown sugar  
3 tbsp. flour  
1/8 tsp. mustard  
1/8 tsp. marjoram

Place roast on rack in shallow baking pan. Combine the 1-1/2 tsp. dry mustard, the 1-1/2 tsp. marjoram and the salt; rub on surface of meat. Insert meat thermometer. Roast at 325 degrees F. for 3 hours. Remove from oven and skim off all but 3 tbsp. fat from pan juices. Combine orange juice, orange peel and brown sugar; spoon over roast. Return meat to oven; roast 30 minutes longer or until meat thermometer registers 170 degrees F., basting frequently. Remove meat to serving platter. Blend flour, the 1/8 tsp. dry mustard and the 1/8 tsp. marjoram with the pan juices. Stir in water. Cook and stir until mixture is thickened and bubbly.

Serve with orange selections. Makes 4 to 8 servings.



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## Cheaper By The Dozen

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Protein is essential for the growth of firm, healthy body tissue and the protein in eggs is so perfect that this protein is used as a standard for evaluating the proteins in other foods. Eggs should be cooked at low to moderate temperatures, as high temperatures and over-cooking toughens the protein. Eggs become firm at temperatures below boiling, so the people of the Poultry Products Institute recommend that you don't boil your boiled eggs. Instead, start eggs in cold water and when the water comes to a boil, cover the pan and set aside for the required number of minutes. In sponge cakes, souffles and any other dishes that are leavened with eggs, high temperatures and over-cooking cause the crust to be thick and tough and inside, heavy and soggy. In dishes thickened with eggs, such as custards and sauces, curdling can result.

Both Grade A and Grade B eggs are often available in the store; the difference is that the yolks of the B's may be slightly flattened and the white less firm. In addition, these will be priced considerably lower. For frying and poaching it is best to use Grade A's but for use in baking or in scrambling, Grade B eggs are adequate. At certain times of the year cracked eggs are available in the stores; these should be used only in thoroughly cooked dishes, not for eggnog or other uncooked foods. In addition to grade, eggs are also labelled according to size. The only difference between small eggs and the ones we normally buy, i.e. mediums or larges, is size. Most recipes are formulated for large eggs. However, if you wish to substitute small ones, just use three small instead of two large. With dishes like fried, poached or scrambled eggs, you can adjust the number of eggs to suit the number of servings. Small eggs are most plentiful in summer and fall. Remember size doesn't effect quality, but it does affect the price.

People are eating more eggs every year. In fact, last year Albertans ate approximately 23 dozen eggs per person. It is interesting to note that the average food price has increased in the last 10-year period an average of 42.7% for all foods. During the same period, however, the price of eggs to the consumer has decreased by 9.2%. Perhaps this is one of the reasons why Albertans are using more and more eggs in their menu.

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Skiing In Norway. View from Geilo, one of the most popular ski resorts in Norway, situated on the Oslo-Bergen railroad. (Photo from Norwegian National Tourist Office.)

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## LEIF EIRIKSSON CLUB

BY MARGRIT GEPPERT

#### News From Calgary

The visit of the Reykjavik City Band to Calgary was a success. At their arrival here on Sat. evening, Aug. 12, the band members were welcomed by the executive committee of the Leif Eiriksson Club, but otherwise the evening was free. On Sunday afternoon, 3 p.m., they were formally welcomed at Heritage Park by the Honorable Pat Mahoney, M.P. for South Calgary, Alderman John Ayer and Mr. David Turner, Chairman of the Heritage Park Society. Gisli Gudmundsson, Tour Counselor, thanked the official welcoming committee, the city, and our club for their hospitality. We were blessed with a warm sunny day, and the thousands of visitors to the park seemed to enjoy the hour-long concert.

In the evening members of the Leif Eiriksson Club joined the guests for a dinner and later an informal social evening where the guests entertained their hosts with even more music—folk songs, the "Old Dances", and other dance music.

On Monday the band taped a half-hour TV program which was on the air later that same day.

have been hard at work lately, organizing the official proclamation of Leif Eiriksson Day in this city. As a result, Oct. 9 will be of special interest to people of Scandinavian origin. It was decided to pick Oct. 9 as has been done throughout the United States and in Winnipeg. It is hoped that other Canadian cities will follow suit.

The official ceremony will take place on Monday, Oct. 9, at 10 a.m. at City Hall. There will be a flag-raising ceremony where a military band will play the National Anthems of the five Nordic countries while there flags will be raised. A young girl in national costume will represent each country. There will also be consular representation and representatives from other ethnic groups in the city.

In the evening a banquet and dance will be held in the Danish Club. The guest speaker will be the Icelander, Professor Haraldur Bessason, Head of the Department of Icelandic Studies at the University of Manitoba, a friendly gesture, reminding us all that Leif Eiriksson was a son of Iceland. Civic and provincial officials and consular representatives will be on the guest list. A scroll will be presented, honoring an outstanding Albertan of Scandinavian origin.

It is hoped that Leif Eiriksson Day will be observed in future years and celebrated on the weekend closest to Oct. 9 in a manner fitting the memory of the first discoverer of America.

## Leif Eiriksson Day in Calgary

A few representatives of the Scandinavian clubs in Calgary

## News from Norway

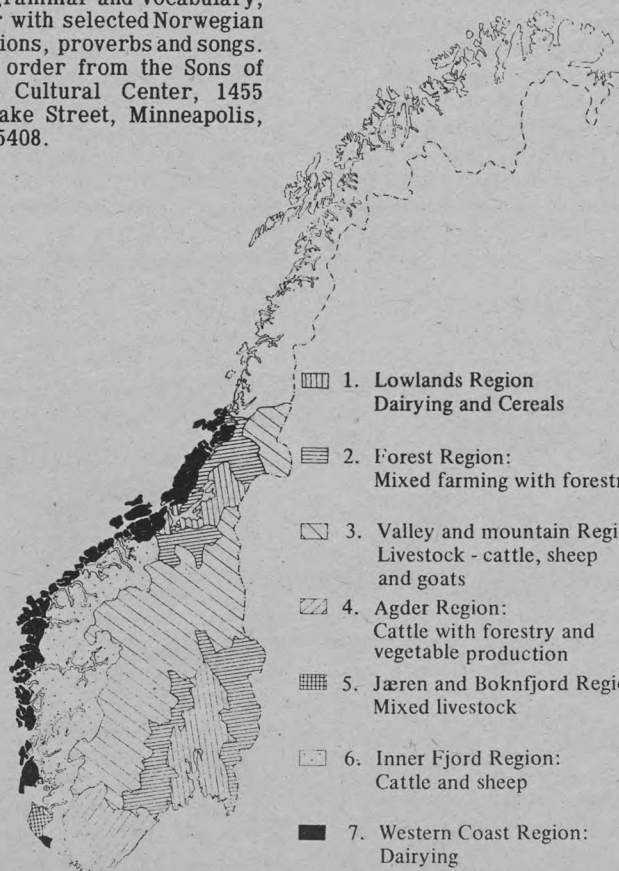
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One and two øre coins will probably vanish from circulation next year, after the Norwegian Government has agreed to a proposal from the Bank of Norway. The five øre piece will from then on be the Norwegian coin with the lowest value.

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**FARMING IN NORWAY** — The map illustrates the predominant branches of agriculture in which Norwegians engage.



1. Lowlands Region  
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2. Forest Region:  
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3. Valley and mountain Region:  
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4. Agder Region:  
Cattle with forestry and vegetable production
5. Jæren and Bokn fjord Region:  
Mixed livestock
6. Inner Fjord Region:  
Cattle and sheep
7. Western Coast Region:  
Dairying
8. Northern Norway:  
Cattle and sheep

#### NORTH SEA GAS RESOURCES

Seen in the context of Norwegian and even Scandinavian energy supplies, the natural gas deposits so far discovered on the Norwegian continental shelf represent enormous resources of energy, according to a Ministry of Industry official.

An annual production of 65,000 to 80,000 cubic ft. of gas from the Frigg and Ekofisk fields alone could give an electricity production considerably greater than Norway's present output of electricity and almost as large as the total estimated hydro-electric power in the country. It would be more than a national task to exploit these resources so that they would be of benefit not only to Norway, but also to a larger fellowship, the Ministry official told the Association of Norwegian Electricity Producers in Bergen.

The Frigg field is, as far as is known today, purely a natural gas field, and the likely time at which it can be brought ashore might be 1976/77. Full production might be reached a couple of years later.

The original copperplate for Edvard Munch's lithograph "Puberty 1902" was stolen from the Munch Museum in Oslo on Aug. 9. Its value is estimated at \$7,000.

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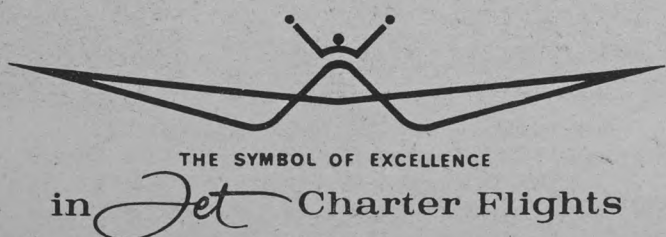
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The summer is over and the fall has arrived with its beautiful colors of nature. I am sure that everyone had a lovely holiday as we did in Finland, where the summer was exceptionally hot and just the right kind of summer for tourists. Lots of sunshine, plenty of lakes and many kinds of festivals and other tourist attractions going on. With us, we bring greetings to all from Marja Laine, Diane Salomaa and Mr. and Mrs. J. Partanen, all of Helsinki. Among those who visited Finland this summer were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Karvonen, Mrs. Sipari, Mrs. Maria Utunen, Mrs. M. Luoma, Mrs. A. Langeste, Mrs. R. Haikarainen, Mrs. S. Zima, Mrs. M. Heinonen, Mrs. S. Kankkunen and children, and most likely many other Edmontonians. We hope you all enjoyed the trip.

Our annual "Juhannuskokko" was very well attended and I'm sure all those present had a good time. The winner of the biggest fish caught—contest hasn't been officially declared—but it seems to me that Anneli Thurlin and Vilho Ristola have a draw.

Belated congratulations to Mrs. Maria Utunen on her 60th birthday which she celebrated while in Finland with relatives and a few friends.

"My sincere thanks to the Finnish Society for flowers I received on my 60th birthday. Many thanks to all my friends both in Canada and in Finland who remembered me with flowers, cards and gifts on this special day."

—Maria Utunen.

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. W. Cumming of Dawson Creek, B.C., on the birth of their daughter, Tara Ayleen, on Aug. 5, 1972.

Belated Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Arvi Karvonen of Hollow Lake, who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary recently.

During the summer we have had many visitors from Finland. Among those were Tauno, Seija

and Timo Jokinen from Tampere visiting Onni and Toini Virtanen. Seija is Toini's sister.

Anja and Lauri Asikainen had a visit from Lauri's mother, Mrs. Asikainen. Auli and Matti Erkkila also had a visitor from Finland, he was Matti's father, Mr. Erkkila. And Mr. and Mrs. G. Tekoniemi had a visit from Mrs. Tekoniemi's mother, Mrs. Lahonen and aunt, Mrs. Holma.

Don't forget our opening dance on Oct. 14, at Nordic Room, Scandinavian Centre. For further information contact P. Karvonen 455-5570. Notices will be sent later.

Congratulations to Rita and Luois Vagovics on the arrival of their baby daughter, Anita Lynn. Best wishes are extended to the whole family.

Special worship service was held for the installation of the Rev. Olaf Rankinen as the LAMP Missionary Pilot at Augustana Lutheran Church on Sept. 10.

## Scandinavian History and Culture Probed VIKING PROGRAM Early Settlers II

OLAF SVEEN: Last time you talked about some of the early settlers around the Camrose area. What do you have for us today?

DR. BOURASSA: I thought I would move further north today, and talk about the Peace River area. This information today comes from a book of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Johnson and from a book called the "Northfield Settlement 1913-1969" and from a book called "The Gospel At Work" by Rev. H. N. Ronning. These books were loaned to us by M. O. Pimrite, Minister without portfolio in the Alberta government. We both want to thank him for the loan of these books.

OLAF SVEEN: From what you said, the Northfield area must be near Peace River.

DR. BOURASSA: Yes, it is an area just north of La Glace. There are wooded hills to the north which offers a supply of timber, and the soil is very good. It was a natural place for settlement.

OLAF SVEEN: When was the area settled?

DR. BOURASSA: It was opened for homesteading in October, 1913. The first cabins were similar to those I described on the earlier program. Sod roofs and dirt floors. The early settlers apparently were able to supplement their diets with moose meat, fish and birds. This made it possible for the farmers to save their cattle and increase herd size more rapidly than would have been possible without the extra food.

Hunting, aside from supplying food, was also a means of obtaining additional money. Foxes and coyotes were hunted or trapped. The pelts were sold

to local fur buyers or sent into Edmonton for the fur auctions.

One story about hunting has it that Harold and Hilmar Johnson were chasing a coyote. They had a single shot pistol and an untrained pup. The pup could slow enough to let the horsemen catch up but after the first shot missed the mark, the coyote would slow down as the men got close and then double back right past them. Finally Harold suggested to Hilmar that he should jump off his horse and run the coyote down. The next time the coyote turned, Hilmar jumped for it and caught it by the tail. He grabbed it by the hind legs and swung it over his shoulder to the ground which killed it. Harold said later, "We have no need for hounds. Hilmar can run them down, and he kills them without leaving a mark on the hide."

OLAF SVEEN: Who were the first homesteaders?

DR. BOURASSA: Well, there were many people who arrived to file on the land when it was first opened. I'll mention some of them. The land office was at Grande Prairie. The crowd was great enough to overflow the accommodations and many slept on the ground outside the land office. One of the first to file was John Kjereng. With him were his brother, Konrad, Louis Sorgaard, Ole Helberg and Hans Stromseng. These men had all come originally from the same district in Norway and had known one another since childhood.

OLAF SVEEN: So many of the early homesteaders were Norwegian.

DR. BOURASSA: Yes. I might mention also that many of these homesteaders were

coming up north to the Peace River area from many of the places I mentioned on the last program. Bardo is one place that is frequently mentioned. A little later on I'll have to get back to Bardo again when I talk about Rev. H. N. Ronning. He was the first Norse Lutheran minister in the Peace River area and he came up there from Bardo.

OLAF SVEEN: Do you want to go on mentioning other early homesteaders?

DR. BOURASSA: I'd like to list them all but I'm afraid it might not be too interesting to everyone. I think I'll just mention a few high spots in the early development of the district. As I go along I'll probably mention some of the other settlers and I'll try to throw in an interesting story or two.

As I've said, the land was opened in the fall of 1913 and the community seems to have gotten organized fairly quickly because in 1916 the church congregation was organized and the community hall was built. The timber for the community hall was cut in the winter and hauled to the chosen site, which was on George Simonson's land. Simonson, by the way, was born in Bardo, Norway. The logs had to be worked with axes, and they hewed out a set of building logs, some of which were forty feet long. Being familiar with axe work might seem like no great accomplishment, but you'll remember that some of the problems the Icelanders ran into when they settled in Gimli because they were not experienced in using axes.

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Anyway, the community hall went up in 1916 and for many years was the centre of social and sports activity. The first of what became annual sports days or picnics was held at the community hall in June of 1916.

A choir was formed that same year and sang at the picnic. The leader, Pete Meljus, used his violin to teach the singers the different voice parts, as there was no piano or organ to be had.

Also in 1916 a store was established one mile north of what became La Glace. It changed hands several times and was moved as well. It finally was placed in what became La Glace and thus was the first building in the town.

And as I said the church congregation was organized in 1916 with Rev. H. N. Ronning as pastor.

Another important event in 1916 was the arrival of Ingvard Haugseth and Pete Haugen. Both had been born in Norway and spent some time in Bardo, Alberta. When they came to the Peace River area they brought their threshing outfit and a sawmill. The sawmill was set up six miles north of the settlement where there was a fine stand of trees. This meant the settlers could get good lumber at reasonable prices by doing their own logging and work at the mill. This was a great help in building good homes.

I should also mention the school. The school was not opened until 1920 which may seem a bit late, but the early homesteaders were all bachelors and even though families began moving into the area there were too few children and most of them were of preschool age. As soon as there were enough children, a meeting was called to organize a school district. The school was built by voluntary labor and both parents and bachelors worked together. Children walked in as far as four miles to attend school. G. R. Johnson, the first teacher remembers the backless seat in front of his desk. He also mentions that the first chalk board was similar to oil-cloth painted black and nailed at the front of the room. Because of the cracks between the boards he had to be very careful to follow each board when writing.

The early settlers also did other community work like road grading, bridge building and so on with voluntary labor. Although the early times must have been hard, all of them seem to look back on their accomplishments with great pride.

OLAF SVEEN: Do the books give any stories of the early settlers?

DR. BOURASSA: Yes, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson's book contains articles written by some of the early homesteaders themselves. I've picked out a few stories from them that might give some idea of how they felt about things. John Fredland, who was born in Norway, came in with his family in 1918 from B.C. It was December and he recalls staying in the hotel in Sexsmith overnight. "The heating facilities were not the best," he says, "so we went to bed fully clothed." The district had just recovered from an epidemic of Spanish Flu, and had had a frost in July that eliminated the potatoes. He says they wondered about, "... the fact that we had come to this country to farm, where we could not even grow potatoes". He says that in the first winter he always knew the menu. At

noon it was moose meat and bread, and at supper bread and moose meat. He also mentions that the most numerous form of wildlife seemed to be mosquitoes. He says, "The only possible way they could have been more numerous, was if they had been smaller".

Hilmor Johnson, who was born in Northern Norway, tells about his trip to the Northfield District. In 1915 after several years in the Bardo area he and his wife came up to the Peace River area. In February their belongings were shipped by rail to Athabasca. From there, with three men to help, the goods were loaded on three sleds. Six horses were used to pull the loads. At first they could travel along the river, but at Smith they had to go overland as the Peace River was open. The land was rough and going difficult, but they reached High Prairie. Here one team of horses fell off a bridge but fortunately they came to no harm, and the load they were pulling remained on the bridge. He says at Little Smokey River, all three teams had to be attached to each load in order to get up the bank. They finally arrived safely in the district fourteen days after starting out from Athabasca.

Harold Johnson, another Norwegian, tells of leaving the Bardo district by rail which carried him and his partner, Olaf Hagan to McLennan and then walking into Northfield district. He also mentions that in the early years, a large part of the settlements' income came from selling their cream to a co-op creamery in the Vallhalla Centre.

OLAF SVEEN: Vallhalla Centre also sounds like a Scandinavian community. Do you know anything about this town?

DR. BOURASSA: As I mentioned, we were loaned a book about Rev. Ronning. It was put together by his brother and contains much written by H. N. Ronning himself. It is an interesting history but I will try to stay mainly with the portions dealing with Alberta although this covers only a small portion of Rev. Ronning's activities. I should mention he was born in Telemark, Norway. He received his training in the U.S. and served as a missionary in China for many years. While in China he secured a piece of land in Alberta through P. B. Anderson, son of Rev. Bersvend Anderson. You may recall I mentioned them in connection with the establishment of Bardo. He arrived in 1908 which would make him about 64 years old. He took part in founding Camrose Lutheran College and served as Pastor at Bardo for two years. Not many details are given of Bardo, and although a book has been written on the history of this area I haven't been able to get hold of it yet.

But in any case, you asked me about Vallhalla Centre. Rev. Ronning reports that he became concerned about the way Norwegians were spreading out when seeking new land. This made it difficult to organize congregations that could become self supporting. He felt that the church or the government ought to lend some guidance. Of course, he decided to help lend some guidance himself. He had heard reports that the Peace River area offered great opportunities to homesteaders and eventually came to feel that God desired him to go to this

area. In 1912 he set out with his wife to look around the Peace River country. They went by train to Edson and then by wagon and buggy toward Peace River. He mentions the terrible conditions of the roads and meeting several people who had turned back because their wagons had broken down or some of their horses had died. His experience in China had taught him perseverance, however, and they pressed on taking two weeks to reach Grand Prairie. After reaching the homes of some of his friends who had left Bardo for the Peace River area, he remained uncertain about what to do. After praying, he was left with the urge to go northwest. He consulted his maps and survey notes and became convinced that what they later called the Vallhalla district was the right place for a community. He and Olaf Horte set out on horseback to explore and found an area that seemed appropriate. This was in October and on the way back a snowstorm caused them to become lost for a time. On the 22nd of October he filed on several pieces of land.

They returned to Bardo, sold their farm, and in company with Olaf Horte, John Johnson, Matt Knutson and Ingebet Voekve, set out for Valhalla. The younger children accompanied them and the older children came later walking the whole way. They went by rail to Athabasca and on March 4, 1913 left for Valhalla. He reports the temperature dropped to 30 below and a heavy snowstorm set in. On March 7th they approached Slave River, but now the weather had grown mild and it rained torrents. There were other homesteaders moving toward Peace River, about 40 teams in all, and many feared they would be forced to stay where they were. However, it turned cold again and the group moved ahead only to find Slave Lake was not completely frozen over and it was too dangerous to attempt to cross it. Fortunately the lake froze over the next day and the trip continued. The evening before Easter day they arrived at Grande Prairie. They arrived late in the day because now the weather was warm again and during the afternoon the ground was so muddy the wagons had bogged down. The weather shifted again and turned cold so they could sled into the new land. On March 24, they reached Vallhalla. They had to shovel away a foot-and-a-half of snow to pitch the tent and put the mattresses on the frozenground.

Rev. Ronning writes that 30 years later a beautiful village existed. He continued his missionary work in the Vallhalla district and also worked in Dawson Creek, B.C. The book quotes Miss Sophie Lavik as writing that Rev. Ronning's area of work "... has become one of the largest Norwegian settlements ... in Western Canada."

The book does not go into more detail concerning the early history of this area. I hope that we will be able to collect more information and continue this series of programs. Again I would like to thank everyone who so generously loaned us the books and pamphlets from which we got this information. I'd also like to encourage anyone who has additional information to write us, c/o the Scandinavian Centre News.

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